

Hannah More Primary School Newsletter

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Hello everyone

I hope you and your families are coping during this very difficult time - we are thinking about you every day. I know teachers have enjoyed speaking to you at home and we have seen lots more fantastic learning this week. Well done everyone.

We hope you enjoyed reading our GOOD OFSTED report! We're very proud to be able to share that with you now. The inspectors spoke very highly of our school and were impressed with lots of what they saw. When children return to school the report will be available publicly.

It has been good to see some people at a distance on Tuesdays, when we distribute Hannah More food boxes. Lots of you also signed up for Art Kits which are collected at the same time. These have all been taken now I'm afraid.

A reminder that you can reach us if you need help. My number during school closure is 07376 185854 and Mr Webster is on 07415 098449. Or, you can email school hannahmorep@bristol-schools.uk We can also pass on messages to teachers.

Best wishes and stay safe

Sue Ramsay, Headteacher



This week's super kids!

Reception	Awale and Sara
Year 1	Eqlas and Zackary
Year 2	Ibrahim and Faith
Year 3	Alex and Afnan
Year 4	Abdullahi and Mumtaz
Year 5	Nasiim and Mohamed





We were delighted to receive Art Kits from our friends at Studio Meraki this week. Everyone who registered should now have collected their first kit. New activities will be available on Tuesday! We will also have some felt pens and crayons available soon for anyone who may need some new ones.

Help in your area ... Up Our Street are delivering free weekly parcels to those struggling financially or Call Stacy 0781 050 6980 or Pat 07986 949 493 to discuss your needs and arrange for a volunteer to drop a food parcel, pick up prescription, or run other essential errands. There is also help from Barton Hill Settlement. Lots more information on the website <https://upourstreet.org.uk/>



Parent Gym is a great parenting programme that we have run at Hannah More in the past. They have made some online modules to read and watch at home during lockdown. These modules can help in this difficult time. There is quite a lot of reading, but you can also just watch the short videos if you prefer. To get started, click <https://storefront.themindgym.com/store> You need to set up an account which is quite easy and doesn't cost anything.

Food vouchers / pupil premium

There have been a lot of questions about food vouchers. Children who get means-tested free school meals (sometimes called pupil premium) should receive vouchers. This is not the same as the universal free school meals, which all children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 get automatically.

Am I eligible?

Your child may be eligible for pupil premium if you receive benefits such as income support, jobseekers' allowance, universal credit or child tax credit. If you are getting working tax credit then you will not be eligible.

How can I apply?

First of all you need to be receiving benefits like those listed above. If your circumstances have changed then you need to apply for benefit BEFORE you can apply for pupil premium. You need to apply for each child. If you have children in older year groups you still need to apply for younger children. This includes children in Reception, year 1 and 2 who get a 'universal free school meal'. You can still apply online while school is closed. For There is information on the council website [here](#). If you need help, please [email school](#).

What if I am not eligible for vouchers?

We are providing food boxes for anyone in need of food. We have had funding from Quartet Community Foundation and we are supported by FareShare as well. You can collect a food box from school on Tuesdays from 2-4pm. If you are in urgent need please contact school hannahmorep@bristol-schools.uk



We try to include a recipe each week - as well as some books to share at home!

Tips for home schooling your children at this difficult time ...

Set a routine...

Make a time to get up in the morning, a time to learn, a time to eat , time to exercise and bedtime. Children like routine and it can help us to feel safe. Why not make a timetable with pictures to put on the fridge?

Keep activities simple

Try and keep children's brains active and keep learning ticking over. Keep up with your literacy and numeracy. Make it enjoyable so it's not stressful for you. Talk to teachers if you need more ideas or resources.

Use the resources available to you

Teachers have been setting work every day and there are lots of free online resources too. Remember to use times tables rockstars and bug club. Twitter has news every day as well.

Use what's in your house

Get some photos out, talk to your children about when you were a child, ask them to help you cook. We have seen some fantastic creative skills as well. Get children to help you do the washing and cleaning -this is a good opportunity to learn life skills.

Try not to worry

Try to make the most of this time with your children and try to enjoy learning alongside them. We'd like children to complete the learning every day, but don't worry, we're not expecting your children to come back to school having made loads and loads of progress. We know home learning is not always easy!

